GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received regarding short supply of medicines to AIIMS and illegal sale of AIIMS store medicines meant for internal use within the AIIMS in the open market outside;

(b) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government against the officials involved in this racket; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such practices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Institute received two complaints regarding illegal sale of AIIMS store medicines in the open market in the recent past.

(b)&(c): On receipt of these complaints, the preliminary internal enquires were conducted by the Vigilance Department of the Institute and thereafter, the matter was referred to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) for investigating the matter. A team of Anti-Corruption Branch of NCT Delhi and CBI Team also conducted surprise checks in the stores of AIIMS main hospital on 17.10.2003 and 30.10.2003 respectively. The Institute has not received any report from CBI till date.The instructions of Anti-Corruption Branch to develop foolproof system and methodology to ensure proper receipt and issue of drugs to various departments have been complied and various measures initiated to check recurrence of such practices in future.